

ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

1 Jan 45

INSTRUCTIONS: Officer designations should be used in the "TO" column. Under each comment a line should be drawn across sheet and each comment numbered to correspond with the number in the "TO" column. Each officer should initial (check mark insufficient) before further routing. This Routing and Record Sheet should be returned to Registry.

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FROM:	TELEPHONE NO.	(Wash Trans - Pers - 31)
	DATE	(5726A - Box 1)

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TO : THE DIRECTOR, OSS
(THRU: CHIEF, COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH)

FROM : LT. ROBERT E. LANG

DATE: 1 January 1945

SUBJECT: Report in accordance with General Order 63.

1. Cipher and traffic control, Mediterranean Theatre.
2. Section, at time of arrival, consisted of approximately 12 men who were based in Algiers, Corsica, and Italy. At time of leaving, section had 125 OSS personnel, 15 TD Signal Corps men based in Caserta, Bari, Rome, Sienna, 5th and 8th Armies, Bucharest, Sofia and Southern France, general overall control being exercised from Caserta. Section particularly active in handling of Agent traffic for 7th Army during weeks preceding and following invasion of Southern France.
3. Returning officer feels that above all else an improvement in Services Branch would be of the greatest aid in the efficient and conscientious handling of his work.
4. No difficulties of any nature were incurred within the branch since branch is extremely close knit unit, which functions in most cooperative manner possible due to leadership of Communications Officer. Only real difficulties which arose within OSS MEDTO were, as above difficulty in securing interested aid from Services officers. Specifically, Junior Officers in Services, responsible for Mess, Billeting, transportation, carpenters, plumbers, electricians, and general supplies were much less interested in doing a decent job than they were in their own welfare, comfort and pleasure. Regardless of urgent need, supply rooms close on the dot of 5:30, "can't do it" is the expected response from most all Services officers in answer to even the most reasonable requests, and no imagination or foresight is ever shown. Returning officer does not infer that Services is antagonistic. As above, he merely states they are dis-interested.

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